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Title: PEPTIDES HAVING PROTECTED AMINES OF UNTARGETED SITES,

METHODS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF AND OF SPECIFICALLY

CONJUGATED PEG PEPTIDES USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 81.142

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 27, 2007, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The one-month period for response expires on October 27, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-12 were presented at the time of filing and are currently pending in the application. The Action of September 27, 2007 requires election under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 between three groups of claims:

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Group I (claims 6 and 7) drawn to peptides having selectively protected amines of untargeted sites;

Group II (claims 1-5) drawn to a method of preparing peptides having selectively protected amines of untargeted sites; and

Group III (claims 8-12) drawn to a method of preparing PEG-peptide conjugates with the compounds of Group I.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II (claims 1-5). The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in additional applications.

Applicants are further required to elect a representative species of peptide and synthetic technique performed; Applicants elect calcitonin and solid phase synthesis, respectively, as representative species. Claims 1-5 read on calcitonin and claims 1-4 read on solid phase synthesis

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

Respectfully submitted.

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